

University of Idaho, shall be allowed 210 days from the effective date of value to exercise a right of first refusal to purchase the Boise laboratory site at fair market value.

(B) **COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT.**—If the University of Idaho or the University of Idaho Foundation exercises the right of first refusal under paragraph (A), to accomplish the purpose described in section (b)(2)(B), the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, cooperate with the University of Idaho in the development of a multiagency research and education facility on the Boise laboratory site and adjacent property.

(3) **SOLICITATION OF OFFERS.**—If the right of first refusal described in subsection (d)(2) is not exercised, the Secretary may solicit offers for purchase through sale or competitive exchange of any and all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Boise laboratory site.

(4) **CONSIDERATION.**—Consideration for sale or exchange of land under this subsection—

(A) shall be at least equal to the fair market value of the Boise laboratory site; and

(B) may include land, existing improvements, or improvements to be constructed to the specifications of the Secretary, including condominium interests, and cash, notwithstanding section 206(b) of Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)).

(5) **REJECTION OF OFFERS.**—The Secretary may reject any offer made under this subsection if the Secretary determines that the offer is not adequate or not in the public interest.

(e) **DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.**—

(1) **DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.**—The Secretary shall deposit the proceeds of a sale or exchange under subsection (d) in the fund established under Public Law 90-171 (16 U.S.C. 484a) (commonly known as the "Sisk Act").

(2) **USE OF PROCEEDS.**—Funds deposited under subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary, without further Act of appropriation, for—

(A) the acquisition of or interest in land, or the acquisition of or construction of facilities, including condominium interests—

(i) to colocate the Boise laboratory with 1 of the State institutions of higher learning in the Boise metropolitan area; and

(ii) to replace other functions of the Boise laboratory; and

(B) to the extent the funds are not necessary to carry out paragraph (A), the acquisition of other land or interests in land in the State.

TITLE IV—WILDLAND FIRE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

For necessary expenses for fire suppression operations, burned areas rehabilitation, hazardous fuels reduction, and rural fire assistance by the Department of the Interior, \$353,740,000 to remain available until expended, of which \$21,829,000 is for hazardous fuels reduction, \$120,300,000 is for removal of hazardous fuels to alleviate immediate emergency threats to urban wildland interface areas as defined by the Secretary of Interior, \$116,611,000 is for wildfire suppression, \$85,000,000 is for burned areas rehabilitation, and \$10,000,000 is for rural fire assistance: Provided, That using the amounts designated under this title of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior may enter into procurement contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements, for hazardous fuels reduction activities, and for training and monitoring associated with such hazardous fuels reduction activities, on Federal land, or on adjacent non-Federal land for activities that benefit resources on Federal land: Provided further, That the costs of implementing any cooperative agreement between the Federal government and any non-Federal entity may be shared, as mutually agreed on by the affected parties: Provided further, That in enter-

ing into such grants or cooperative agreements, the Secretary may consider the enhancement of local and small business employment opportunities for rural communities, and that in entering into procurement contracts under this section on a best value basis, the Secretary may take into account the ability of an entity to enhance local and small business employment opportunities in rural communities, and that the Secretary may award procurement contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements under this section to entities that include local non-profit entities, Youth Conservation Corps or related partnerships, or small or disadvantaged businesses: Provided further, That funds in this account are also available for repayment of advances to other appropriation accounts from which funds were previously transferred for such purposes: Provided further, That unobligated balances of amounts previously appropriated to the "Fire Protection" and "Emergency Department of the Interior Firefighting Fund" may be transferred and merged with this appropriation: Provided further, That persons hired pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1469 may be furnished subsistence and lodging without cost from funds available from this appropriation: Provided further, That notwithstanding 42 U.S.C. 1856d, sums received by a bureau or office of the Department of the Interior for fire protection rendered pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1856 et seq., Protection of United States Property, may be credited to the appropriation from which funds were expended to provide that protection, and are available without fiscal year limitation: Provided further, That the entire amount appropriated is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: Provided further, That this amount shall be made available only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount, that includes designation of the entire amount as an emergency requirement as defined by such Act, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

RELATED AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount to cover necessary expenses for emergency rehabilitation, hazard reduction activities in the urban-wildland interface, support to federal emergency response, repaying firefighting funds borrowed from programs, and wildfire suppression activities of the Forest Service, \$619,274,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$179,000,000 is for wildfire suppression, \$120,000,000 is for removal of hazardous fuels to alleviate immediate emergency threats to urban wildland interface areas as defined by the Secretary of Agriculture, \$142,000,000 is for emergency rehabilitation, \$44,000,000 is for capital improvement and maintenance of fire facilities, \$16,000,000 is for research activities and to make competitive research grants pursuant to the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1641 et seq.), \$50,494,000 is for state fire assistance, \$8,280,000 is for volunteer fire assistance, \$12,000,000 is for forest health activities on state, private, and federal lands, \$12,500,000 is for economic action programs, and \$35,000,000 is for assistance to non-federal entities most affected by fire using all existing authorities under the State and Private Forestry appropriation; and of which \$320,274,000 may be transferred to the "State and Private Forestry", "National Forest System", "Forest and Rangeland Research", and "Capital Improvement and Maintenance" accounts to fund state fire assistance, volunteer fire assistance, and forest health management, vegetation and watershed management, heritage site rehabilitation, wildlife and fish habitat management, trails and facilities maintenance and restoration: Provided, That transfers of any

amounts in excess of those authorized in this title, shall require approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations in compliance with reprogramming procedures contained in House Report No. 105-163: Provided further, That the costs of implementing any cooperative agreement between the Federal government and any non-Federal entity may be shared, as mutually agreed on by the affected parties: Provided further, That in entering into such grants or cooperative agreements, the Secretary may consider the enhancement of local and small business employment opportunities for rural communities, and that in entering into procurement contracts under this section on a best value basis, the Secretary may take into account the ability of an entity to enhance local and small business employment opportunities in rural communities, and that the Secretary may award procurement contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements under this section to entities that include local non-profit entities, Youth Conservation Corps or related partnerships with State, local or non-profit youth groups, or small or disadvantaged businesses: Provided further, That the entire amount appropriated is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: Provided further, That this amount shall be made available only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount, that includes designation of the entire amount as an emergency requirement as defined by such Act, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: Provided further, That:

(1) In expending the funds provided with respect to this title for hazardous fuels reduction, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may conduct fuel reduction treatments on Federal lands using all contracting and hiring authorities available to the Secretaries applicable to hazardous fuel reduction activities under the wildland fire management accounts. Notwithstanding Federal government procurement and contracting laws, the Secretaries may conduct fuel reduction treatments on Federal lands using grants and cooperative agreements. Notwithstanding Federal government procurement and contracting laws, in order to provide employment and training opportunities to people in rural communities, the Secretaries may award contracts, including contracts for monitoring activities, to—

(A) local private, nonprofit, or cooperative entities;

(B) Youth Conservation Corps crews or related partnerships, with State, local and nonprofit youth groups;

(C) small or micro-businesses; or

(D) other entities that will hire or train a significant percentage of local people to complete such contracts. The authorities described above relating to contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements are available until all funds provided in this title for hazardous fuels reduction activities in the urban wildland interface are obligated.

(2) Within 60 days after enactment, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall, after consultation with State and local fire-fighting agencies, jointly publish in the Federal Register a list of all urban wildland interface communities, as defined by the Secretaries, within the vicinity of Federal lands that are at high risk from wildfire, as defined by the Secretaries. This list shall include:

(A) an identification of communities around which hazardous fuel reduction treatments are ongoing; and

(B) an identification of communities around which the Secretaries are preparing to begin treatments in fiscal year 2001.

(3) Prior to May 1, 2001, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall jointly publish in the Federal Register a list of all urban wildland interface communities, as defined by the Secretaries, within the vicinity of